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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENCODING INFORMATION IN MAGNETIC STRIPE FORMAT FOR USE IN RADIO
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

SHAHID KAMAL

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/14/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12 and 15-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 07/08/2008, 07/08/2008, 07/08/2008, 07/08/2008
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Pierre E. Elisca/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3714

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

1. Applicants' amendment filed on January 14, 2010 is acknowledged. Accordingly, claims 1-12 and 15-17 remain pending and have been allowed.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions by unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.312. To ensure consideration of such amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephonic communication with Adam J. Stegge (Registration No. 63,297) on or about May 7, 2010.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

Abstract

[0001] A transaction device system is associated with a transaction device proxy account identifier, which may be stored in a database on the transaction device system. ~~The proxy transaction device identifier may be stored on the database in any conventional merchant recognizable format. Additionally, the proxy transaction device identifier and~~ may be associated with a transaction account identifier for use in completing a transaction. The proxy transaction

device identifier may include at least a first portion which corresponds to a portion of the transaction device identifier. The first portion of the proxy transaction device identifier may be segmented into proxy fields where a first segment includes a portion of a transaction account data set, and a second segment has encoded therein an account provider desired information. The proxy account identifier segments are undetectable by receiving systems such that the proxy account identifier emulates a merchant recognizable data transfer format. The account provider system may receive the proxy account identifier and uses the first portion of the transaction device identifier in a predetermined algorithm to reassemble the transaction device identifier for use in transaction completion.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A payment system comprising:
a transaction device system comprising:
a transaction device associated with an account identifier, said account identifier including at least a first account identifier portion and a second account identifier portion,
said transaction device further including a transaction device database including a proxy account identifier storage area operable for storing a proxy account identifier, said proxy account identifier including said first account identifier portion,
said proxy account identifier storage area including a first proxy account identifier storage area and a second proxy account identifier storage area,
said second proxy account identifier storage area configured to store at least said first account identifier portion, and
said transaction device operable to provide said proxy account identifier including said first account identifier portion to an account identifier provider system; and
[[an]] said account identifier provider system in communication with said transaction device for receiving said proxy account identifier including said first account identifier portion,
said account provider system operable to associate said first account identifier

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portion to said account identifier, said account identifier being associated with a transaction account, and

said account identifier provider system operable to receive said first account identifier portion and provide the corresponding account identifier to an account identifier provider server for transaction completion.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said account identifier provider system is operable to provide said account identifier to said account identifier provider server in accordance with said first account identifier portion.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein said account identifier provider system is operable to generate said second account identifier portion in accordance with a predetermined algorithm operated on said first account identifier portion, said account identifier provider system is operable to provide said account identifier to said account identifier provider server in accordance with said first account identifier portion and said generated second account identifier portion.

4. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein said account identifier provider system further includes an account identifier provider database, said account identifier provider database operable to store said account identifier, wherein said account identifier provider system is operable to locate said stored account identifier in accordance with a predetermined algorithm operated on said first account identifier portion.

5. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein said account identifier provider system further includes an account identifier provider database, said account identifier provider database operable to store said second account identifier portion, wherein said account identifier provider system is operable to locate said stored second account identifier portion in accordance with a predetermined algorithm operated on said first account identifier portion, said account identifier provider system is operable to provide said account identifier to said account identifier provider server in accordance with said first account identifier portion and

said located second account identifier portion.

6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, further including a merchant system in communication with said transaction device system, said transaction device system operable to provide said proxy account identifier to said merchant system, said merchant system in further communication with said account identifier provider system, said merchant system operable to provide said proxy account identifier including said first account identifier portion to said account identifier provider system.

7. (Original) A system according to claim 6, wherein said transaction device system is operable to provide said proxy account identifier in a merchant system recognizable format.

8. (Original) A system according to claim 6, further comprising a transaction device reader in communication with said transaction device system, said transaction device reader in further communication with said merchant system, said transaction device reader operable to receive said proxy account identifier and to provide said proxy account identifier to said merchant system.

9. (Original) A system according to claim 7, wherein said proxy account identifier is in International Standards Organization (ISO) compatible magnetic stripe format.

10. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 7, wherein said proxy account identifier includes said first account identifier portion in at least one track of an ISO compatible magnetic stripe format.

11. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said transaction device is operable to provide said proxy account identifier including said first account identifier portion to [[an]] said account identifier provider system in a contactless transmission medium.

12. (Original) A system according to claim 11, wherein said contactless transmission

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medium is radio frequency.

13 - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting data for transaction completion in a payment system, said method comprising:

providing a transaction device associated with a proxy account identifier, [[the]] said proxy account identifier having at least a first proxy account identifier portion;

providing a database for storing [[the]] said proxy account identifier;

associating [[the]] said first proxy account identifier portion with a transaction account identifier; identifier, [[the]] said transaction device identifier including first and second transaction account identifier portions;

storing [[the]] said first transaction account identifier portion in [[the]] said first proxy account identifier portion; and

providing [[the]] said first transaction account identifier portion to a transaction account provider for use in determining [[the]] said transaction account identifier for use in completing a transaction.

16. (New) A method according to claim 15, wherein said proxy account identifier is in International Standards Organization (ISO) compatible magnetic stripe format.

17. (New) A method according to claim 15, wherein said proxy account identifier includes said first account identifier portion in at least one track of an ISO compatible magnetic stripe format.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

6. Regarding the claimed terms, the Examiner notes that a “general term must be understood in the context in which the inventor presents it.” *In re Glaug* 283 F.3d 1335, 1340, 62 USPQ2d 1151, 1154 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Therefore the Examiner must interpret the claimed terms as found on pages 1-23 of the specification. Clearly almost all the general terms in the claims may have multiple meanings. So where a claim term “is susceptible to various meanings, . . . the inventor’s lexicography must prevail . . .” *Id.* Using these definitions for the claims, the claimed invention was not reasonably found in the prior art.

7. This application is regarding a transaction device system is associated with a transaction device proxy account identifier, which may be stored in a database on the transaction device system. The proxy transaction device identifier may be stored on the database in any conventional merchant recognizable format. Additionally, the proxy transaction device identifier may be associated with a transaction account identifier for use in completing a transaction. The proxy transaction device identifier may include at least a first portion which corresponds to a portion of the transaction device identifier. The first portion of the proxy transaction device identifier may be segmented into proxy fields where a first segment includes a portion of a transaction account data set, and a second segment has encoded therein account provider desired information. The proxy account identifier segments are undetectable by receiving systems such that the proxy account identifier emulates a merchant recognizable data transfer format. The account provider system may receive the proxy account identifier and uses the first portion of the transaction device identifier in a predetermined algorithm to reassemble the transaction device identifier for use in transaction completion.

8. The closest prior art is by Chen et al. (US Patent No.: 7,096,204 B1). Chen teaches that a transaction device associated with an account identifier, said account identifier including at least a first account identifier portion and a second account identifier portion, said transaction device further including a transaction device, said proxy account identifier including said first account identifier portion, a first proxy account identifier storage area and a second proxy account identifier storage area and an account identifier provider system in communication with said transaction device for receiving said proxy account identifier including said first account identifier portion, said account provider system operable to associate said first account identifier portion to said account identifier, said account identifier being associated with a transaction account, and said account identifier provider system operable to receive said first account identifier portion and provide the corresponding account identifier, to an account identifier provider server for transaction completion.

9. The second closest prior art is by Franklin (US Patent No.: 5,883,810). Franklin teaches that database including a proxy account identifier storage area, said transaction device database proxy account identifier storage area operable for storing a proxy account identifier, said proxy account identifier storage area including.

10. However, the Chen/Franklin combination fails to teach the aspect of "said second proxy account identifier storage area configured to store at least said first account identifier portion,

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and said transaction device operable to provide said proxy account identifier including said first account identifier portion to an account identifier provider system.

11. Yet even if the missing claimed elements were found in a reasonable number of references, a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would not have been motivated to include these missing elements in an embodiment in Walker disclosure because: all of the above mention reference is directed toward for a cryptographically assisted commercial network system designed to facilitate buyer-driven conditional purchase offers.

12. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shahid Kamal whose telephone number is (571) 270-3272. The Examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thursday 8:30 AM- 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Dmitry Suhol can be reached on (571) 272-4430. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3714

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3714